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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 564

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Special Agent Randy Gothard for laudable service to the people of Tennessee and for being named "Investigator of the Year".

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Special Agent Randy Gothard, a Putnam County law officer who works in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Tennessee Highway Patrol; he was highly honored as the "Investigator of the Year" on December 16, 1999; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dekalb County, Special Agent Gothard began his meritorious service to the state in Knoxville, in 1978 as a state trooper; in 1985, he was promoted to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and transferred to the Cookeville District; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Gothard has dedicated 22 years of his life to the Tennessee Department of Safety; he has served with rare acumen and alacrity for 14 years in the CID; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, Special Agent Gothard has been instrumental in the recovery of an astounding \$1 million worth of stolen vehicles and some 30 arrests in the Upper Cumberland area; and

WHEREAS, the unparalleled efforts of Mr. Gothard and fellow agents Eddie Farris and Troy Human have included major auto theft cases in White County, which have resulted in numerous leads in other cases in Tennessee as well as other states; and

WHEREAS, in the course of Special Agent Gothard's noteworthy labors, he has recovered vehicles and heavy equipment, and uncovered damaging cases of insurance fraud; he also contributes his expertise in uncovering scenarios as to why and how the crimes occur; and

WHEREAS, CID Director Sam Nelson praised Randy Gothard by stating, "Dedication, commitment, and teamwork are at it's all about; Randy possess all those traits and sets a standard we are all proud of"; and

WHEREAS, District Attorney Bill Gibson also expressed his praise, "He is a fine investigator; he works hard, makes good solid cases and is well deserving of this honor"; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Gothard epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Randy Gothard is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his wife, Joy Buck, and is the proud father of Adam and Brittany Gothard; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Randy Gothard for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Special Agent Randy Gothard for his

outstanding service to the state of Tennessee and congratulate him on being named  
"Investigator of the Year." We extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.